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Letter dated 10 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The right to self-determination is the basis upon which democratic South Africa was founded. South Africa upholds the belief that the resolution of international conflicts should be peaceful and in accordance with the centrality of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law.

South Africa has for many years participated actively in the meetings of the Special Committee on Decolonization in an observer capacity.

Based on our history and our continued support for the legitimate right of the people to achieve their legitimate national aspirations, including their inalienable right to self-determination and freedom, South Africa wishes to inform you of its interest to become a full member of the Special Committee on decolonization.

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